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1. MISSION TO OECD SHOULD INFORM SEC GEN THAT US HAS THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED HIS VIEWS ON POSTPONEMENT OF OIL COMMITTEE HLG, BUT CONTINUES TO STRONGLY URGE THAT HL GROUP AND OIL COMMITTEE BE POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 12, AND JUNE 13-14 RESPECTIVELY. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS UK, JAPAN AND EC COMMISSION ALSO INCLINED TO FAVOR POSTPONE-MENT.
2. OTHER ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTIFY HOST GOVERNMENTS OF OUR REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT FOR REASONS STATED REFTEL C AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.
3. MISSION TO OECD ALSO RE- EMPHASIZE TO SEC GEN THAT US AGREES TO DESIRABILITY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ENERGY ISSUES AT MINISTERIAL BUT DETAILED DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WITH ATTEMPT TO GET MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT TO WORK PROGRAM, COULD RESULT IN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF OECD WORK PROGRAM ON ENERGY (QUESTION OF RESTRICTED GROUPS ETC) WHICH WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FROM POINT OF VIEW OF DEVELOPING MEANINGFUL COOPERATION IN OECD FRAMEWORK. IN SUM, WE FAVOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ENERGY CHALLENGE LEADING TO LANGUAGE IN COMMUNIQUE ON NEED FOR COOPERATION AND URGENCY OF WORK. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF COOPERATION. ROGERS

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